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## Oakland Board of Equalization Field Office Temporarily Closed at Noon November 5

Temporary Afternoon Closure due to Mehserle Sentencing

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that the BOE's Oakland Field Office will be temporarily closed at noon on Friday, November 5, in anticipation of the sentencing of Johannes Mehserle.

The Oakland Office, at 1515 Clay Street, suite 303, will operate with reduced staffing on the morning of November 5, until noon. The Board of Equalization's San Francisco Office, at 121 Spear Street, suite 460, is expected to remain open as normal, as are all other BOE field offices, including those in the Los Angeles area, unless unanticipated safety issues arise. Updated information will be posted to the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov.

BOE field offices are used by taxpayers for applying for, closing, or reinstating a seller's permit, obtaining escrow or use tax clearances, applying for a cigarette and tobacco products license, assistance with completing and filing returns, tax advisory services, and more. A complete listing of BOE field offices, with contact information, can be viewed here: <a href="http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/phone.htm">http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/phone.htm</a>.

Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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